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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(Department of Heavy Industries)

RESOLUTION

TARIFFS

*New Delhi, the 28th September 1957*

**No. 8(1)-T.R./57.**—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the continuance of protection to the Titanium Dioxide Industry on the basis of an inquiry undertaken by it under Sections 11(e) and 13 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951. Its recommendations are as follows:—

- (1) Protection to the industry should be continued for a further period of four years, *i.e.* till 31st December, 1961.
- (2) The rates of protective duty should be as proposed in the Finance Bill (No. 2) of 1957, namely, 35 per cent. *ad valorem* (preferential) and 45 per cent. *ad valorem* (standard).
- (3) With a view to conservation of foreign exchange, imports of anatase titanium dioxide should be permitted only to actual users to the extent required to fill the gap between internal production and actual demand and imports of the rutile type of pigment should be carefully regulated to the extent of actual requirements of such consumers as cannot make use of the anatase type. Imports of lithopone should be strictly regulated in such a manner as to make the product available only for paint formulations in which titanium dioxide is not found suitable on technological grounds and for *bona fide* users only.
- (4) Government should view with favour the company's expansion plans covering both types of titanium dioxide.
- (5) Government should expedite decision on the issue of grant of licence for importing the requisite machinery for a 50 ton per day sulphuric acid plant to be erected at the factory site of Travancore Titanium Products Ltd.

- (6) Supply of ilmenite should be made to Travancore Titanium Products Ltd., after recovery of the "basic charge". An undertaking should be given to the company that the recovery price will remain frozen for a period of four years subject to any escalator clause that may be necessary.
  - (7) The Kerala State Government should take adequate steps to maintain the canal from Alwaye to Trivandrum free from congestion and in navigable condition at all times throughout the year.
2. Government accept recommendations (1) and (2) and the necessary legislation will be undertaken in due course.
  3. Government have taken note of recommendation (3) and it will be taken into consideration along with other relevant factors while formulating the import policy from time to time.
  4. Government has taken note of recommendation (4). As regards recommendation (5), Government's decision has already been communicated to Travancore Titanium Products Ltd.
  5. The attention of the Kerala State Government is drawn to recommendations (6) and (7).

#### ORDER

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the *Gazette of India* and a copy of it be communicated to all concerned.

S. RANGANATHAN, Secy.